

Exercise 3

I am you and you are me, freeform poetry

Why look at art? Looking at art can make people happy, or annoyed, or sad, or ecstatic! Art can elicit feelings and ideas, or simply amuse you. There is no wrong way to enjoy art.

▶ **Before you visit TAU**

Experiment with freeform poetry: poetry that is without any restrictions in the way it is organized. This is different from other poetic forms, which often have a specific rhythm, structure, metre and measure to them. Try using stream of consciousness techniques. Write down whatever comes to mind, even if it is strange or unusual. Simply take pen and paper, and jot down whatever you think of. Then save it for later use. Imagine other ways your poems could be organized. Freeform poetry allows for a mix of techniques.

▶ **When you visit TAU**

Verbalize your impressions of TAU. Begin by asking TAU questions, and then answer those questions as if you were TAU. Next use your impressions to write free-form poetry to describe TAU.

▶ **After you visit TAU**

Stage a poetry reading for your class or your family and read your poems about TAU.

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Here are some
poems other
students have made.

Tau

Tau, are you a he or a she?
Tau answers, "I am both genders."
Tau, do you have feelings?
Yes. Lively, Awake, Proud.

Boy, grade 8

Tau...

How were you made?
Who was your creator?
Inspiration
Shape-piercing point
Impossible Rubix Cube
Origami Tower
Multi-dimensional

Girl, Grade 6

Why are you here? Who created you?

Tau
The town created you.
The town owns you.
The town worked for you

Boy, Grade 6

Triangles

Why are you such a complex design?
And are you a happy or sad sculpture?
Yes, I am made of many shapes.
I am big, glistening,
dark, towering.
Proud.

Boy, Grade 8